

PROPOSED FLOATING EXPOSITION.

Fleet of American Expedition Ships to Circle the World.

San Francisco, Cal., December 18.—Mayor Sutro has received a letter from E. A. Keeling, Secretary of the American Expedition Company, in response to a letter of inquiry concerning certain details of the work of the association. The headquarters of the American Expedition Association is at present at the Sherman Bank, New York City. The expeditions will be of two characters—the first purely social, the second commercial. In the first instance it is proposed to construct a magnificent steam yacht for the purpose of furnishing conveyance with commodious living apartments for a commission to be composed of officials and representative citizens, both social and political who shall visit foreign countries as semi-official delegates. The power of appointing these delegates not to be vested alone in the President of the United States, but also in Governors of States, Mayors of cities, commercial bodies and social organizations. In this way the yacht expedition is to become a social affair for the purpose of entertaining and becoming more intimate and better acquainted with the representative people of the foreign countries.

The second plan contemplates the circling of the earth with a fleet of splendid expedition ships to show the world what America can make and grow. The scheme calls for the construction of one or more expedition ships where space can be rented for the display of products of both the soil and mill, upon the same principle as is done in expositions, except that in the proposed floating exposition only American products shall be exhibited. A movement, it is said, is already on foot to carry out both plans.

John L. Sullivan's dictum that "no man of principle will fight in a ring with a colored man" is one of those rare bits of sentiment that tend to enliven a brutal world. It also offers a good avenue of escape from many a hard fight.—Ex.

Nearly a hundred women have passed the examinations of the University of London this year in the courses for the degrees of bachelor of arts and bachelor of science.

Mrs. Ernest Levenson, the only member of the staff who writes amusingly in Punch, is a very pretty woman, quite young and always beautifully dressed.

Gov. Bradley found himself with only one hundred patriots ready for every office he had to fill.

The Marquis of Queensberry will visit his son, Sholto, in California this winter.

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THE WORK WILL GO ON.

Alexander Brown Lets Another Contract to Chas. Clarke & Co.

Mr. J. N. Galbraith, superintendent of the northern division of the Mexican National railway, C. W. Fish, commercial agent and T. O. Phillibert, agent of the Texas-Mexican division in this city, returned to Corpus Christi last night about ten o'clock on the tug Ernest from Aransas pass, where they went on Thursday morning. A short time after their arrival a representative of The Caller went to the Texas-Mexican depot and found the party preparing for supper in their special car. As to the latest Mr. Phillibert said: "Another contract has been let to Chas. Clarke & Co. for 1000 feet of jetty, which will probably take about two months' work. This will complete the jetty work almost into St. Joseph island. Most of the rock will come over the Texas-Mexican road from the popular Duval quarry. Three barges will be here today for rock and the work is to be rushed. We walked out on the jetty in the gulf today and it is a fine piece of work. The current running out there is stronger than that of the Mississippi river. I believe there will be twenty-five feet of water on Aransas bar six months from now."—Caller, 21st.

DIED WHILE FULFILLING HER VOW.

City of Mexico, Dec. 18.—Senora Gavedegra Salinas, wife of a gendarme of that city, a week ago made a vow to the Virgin Mary that if her child recovered she would walk on her knees to Villa Guadalupe and give offerings at the shrine of the Lady of Guadalupe, a distance of more than three miles. The child recovered, and this morning she undertook to keep the vow. She was picked up by a priest two miles on the road in a fainting condition, from which she never recovered.

Prof. William M. Willeft, 93 years old, died Thursday in Jersey City. He was a professor in the Wesleyan University in Middletown Conn., and afterward in the Concord Biblical Institute in Concord, N. H. He acquired a reputation as a linguist and biblical scholar, and was one of the founders of the Concord Theological Seminary.

Emperor William of Germany recently gave a new proof of his versatility at his shooting box at Letzingen. A large company had assembled after dinner one day, when the emperor took a roll of manuscript from his pocket and read a poem he had just composed.

Uncle Dick Oglesby denies vehemently that he wants to succeed Altgeld as Governor of Illinois.

JEFFERSONIAN.

St. Louis Republic.

If any one man, ahead of the common sense of the whole American nation, created the Monroe Doctrine, it was Thomas Jefferson.

In 1801 he was emphatic in the reiterated declaration that the destiny of the United States was separation from the entanglements of Europe. He said in 1808 that a main object "must be to exclude all European influence in this hemisphere." In 1820 he wrote: "The day is not distant when we may formally require a meridian of partition through the ocean which separates the two hemispheres."

Canning, then at the head of English affairs, proposed in September, 1823, to Rush, American Minister to the Court of St. James, that the United States and England should co-operate in preventing the interference of the Holy Alliance with the Spanish-American Republics. When Rush reported Canning's plan to Washington, Monroe asked Jefferson's advice. The response was: "The question presented by the letters you have sent me is the most momentous which has ever been offered to my contemplation since that of Independence. That made us a nation; this sets our compass and points the course which we are to steer through the ocean of time open-

ing on us. * * * Our first and fundamental maxim should be never to entangle ourselves in the broils of Europe. Our second, never to suffer Europe to intermeddle with cis-Atlantic affairs." This was in October, 1823. In December of that year Monroe's famous message was sent to Congress.

Canning knew the sentiments of the American people and the opinion of American statesmen before he proposed to Rush that England and the United States should join in forbidding the encroachment of European force upon the independence of any part of America which had obtained independence.

During all the eight years of Jefferson's service as Chief Executive the most laboriously feature of policy was absolute separation from the entanglements of Europe. We say laboriously, because it took ceaseless effort and watchfulness while the long Napoleonic conflicts raged to steer clear of complications with the combatants. The British Order in Council, Napoleon's Milan Decree and our Embargo were all incidents of our policy.

The inevitable logic of our entire separation from European politics was the separation of Europe from the politics of this hemisphere. The Monroe Doctrine was created when our determination to avoid alliances with Europe was once fixed. We could not keep out of their affairs unless they kept out of ours. And ours included and still include a protection of weaker governments whose overthrow would be a menace to our ability to protect ourselves. We offer this protection for our own safety. The obligation does not extend further.

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